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PREFACE TO THE REPORT

District Health Office
County Health Department
Merlins Hill
Haverfordwest.

September, 1969

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Neyland Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

We present the Annual Report for the year 1968. The main items are summarised as follows:-

Population. The population of the District has increased by 18% over the past 21 years. This is a fair rate of growth and ensures the continuity of the resident population.

Births. There has been a Birth-rate explosion in the District. The general birth-rate for 1968 was about 60% higher than the National rate, and probably the highest ever recorded.

The Natural increase in population (i.e. excess of births over deaths) was 42, a very high figure.

There were no Still-births for the second successive year.

The number of Illegitimate births continues to increase.

Deaths. The general death-rate was much lower than the previous year, and lower than the National rate.

There was a small reduction in the number of deaths attributable to Cancer, but the Cancer death-rate for the District was slightly higher than the National average. The proportion of Respiratory Cancer to the total was 30%, a fairly high figure.

For the second successive year there were no deaths of Infants, and no Tuberculosis or accidental deaths.

Infectious Diseases.

The incidence of Infectious Disease was low during the year. The effect of the intensive Immunisation and Vaccination compaign in the County is reflected in the continued decline in notifications.

General Hygiene & Sanitation.

There are no major sanitary problems in the District.

Housing.

The Housing record of the Council over the past few years has greatly eliminated the Housing problems of the District.

Water Supply.

The quality and quantity of the water supply continues to give rise to periodic concern. Whilst not appearing to be dangerous to health, it does, at times fall below the standard one would expect.

We would expect the Pembrokeshire Water Board to give this problem its urgent attention.

We wish to thank all members of the Council, and other Departments for their continued courtesy and co-operation.

We remain

Your obedient servants.

W.J.Y.Speedy

District Medical Officer of Health.

F.B.Fisher

Public Health Inspector

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 1968/69

Chairman of Council: ... Councillor.K.J.Walters.

Vice Chairman of Council.... Councillor.S.G.Wells.

Public Health, Parks and Highways Committee.
Planning and Civil Defence Committee.

Councillor.K.J.Walters. (Chairman of Council)
Councillor.S.G.Wells. (Vice Chairman ")
Councillor.K.J.Vaughan.
Councillor.T.H.Larkin.
Councillor.L.Dean.
Councillor.R.M.Bellerby.
Councillor.J.Little.
Councillor.E.L.Griffiths.

Housing Committee.
Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Councillor.K.J.Walters. (Chairman of Council)
Councillor.S.G.Wells. (Vice Chairman ")
Councillor.E.E.G.Harding.
Councillor.J.Betty.
Councillor.J.C.G.John.
Councillor.A.J.Gillam.
Councillor.H.V.James.
Councillor.P.Dean.
Councillor.W.F.J.Lloyd.

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

Clerk and Chief Financial Officer: J.E.Thomas Esqr.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector. F.B.Fisher Esqr.

Medical Officer of Health. Dr.W.J.Y.Speedy.M.B., B.Ch.,L.R.C.P&S. D.P.H.

Architect. W.S.P.Cottrell Esqr.

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GENERAL INFORMATION.

Offices:- All Departments. Council Offices. High Street. NEWLAND.

Telephone Neyland 317.

Medical Officer of Health.

District Health Office
County Health Department
Merlins Hill.
Haverfordwest.

Telephone Number. Haverfordwest 3345
Private " Haverfordwest 3251

Population Mid 1968: 2,380

Acreage: 484

Rateable value as at 1.4.69 £50,294

Rate 1968/69: 14/8d in £ (County Council precept 9/9)

Estimated product of 1d rate = £191

PART I

VITAL STATISTICS

and

EPIDEMIOLOGY

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS 1968

General birth rate	.....	26.0/1000 population
General death-rate	.....	9.0/ " "
Cancer death-rate	.....	2.5/ " "
Tuberculosis death-rate	.....	Nil
Infant mortality rate	.....	Nil
Still birth-rate	.....	Nil

Population Table

Year		Estimated population		Natural Increase
1947	...	2,020	...	8
1957	...	2,250	...	12
1967	...	2,370	...	23
1968	...	2,380	...	42

BIRTH STATISTICS

Classification of births.

		Live.			Still.		
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	...	25	28	53	0	0	0
Illegitimate	...	3	7	10	0	0	0
Total	...	28	35	63	0	0	0

General birth-rates.
Birth-rate for District for 1968 = 26.0/1000 population
" " England & Wales 1968 = 16.9/ " "

Comparative Birth Table.

Year.	Birth-rate		Still-births.		Illegitimate-births.
1947/56 (yearly average)	16.8	...	1.1	...	1.5
1957/66 (yearly average)	19.2	...	1.2	...	2.2.
1967	16.1	...	0	...	9.0
1968	26.0	...	0		10

MORTALITY STATISTICS

Classification of Deaths.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Diseases of Heart & Circulatory System	= 8	3	11
Cancer (all forms)	= 4	2	6
Diseases of Brain & Nervous System	= 0	3	3
" " Respiratory system	= 0	1	1
Total	=12	9	21

Deaths in age-groups:-

0 - 1 years	= 0	30 - 50 years	= 1	
1 - 15 "	= 0	50 - 70 "	=12	= total 21
15 - 30 "	= 0	70+ "	= 8	

General death-rates.

Death-rate for District for 1968 = 9.0/1000 population
" " England & Wales 1968 = 11.9/ " "

Cancer mortality.
Classification.

	Male.	Female.	Total
Abdominal ...	2	0	2
Respiratory ...	2	0	2
Others ...	0	2	2
Total =	4	2	6

Age-groups:- 50 - 70years = 4
70+ " = 2

Cancer death rates.

Cancer death-rate for District 1968 = 2.5/1000 population
" " " England & Wales 1968=2.3/ " "

Infa t Mortality. Nil for 1968

Tuberculosis Mortality. Nil for 1968

Accidental deaths. Nil for 1968

Comparative Mortality Table.

Year.	Death rate.	Infant deaths,	Cancer deaths.	Accidental deaths.	Tuberculosis deaths.
1947/56 (yearly average)	12.4 ...	1.3 ...	4.5 ...	0.3 ...	0.7
1957/66 (yearly average)	14.4 ...	1.1 ...	7.1 ...	1.2 ...	0.2
1967	14.0 ...	0 ...	8 ...	0 ...	0
1968	9.0 ...	0 ...	6 ...	0 ...	0

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Measles	1	3	4
Whooping cough	1	0	1
Infective Hepatitis....	1	3	4
Scarlet fever	1	0	1
Pneumonia	3	1	4
Total =	7	7	14

The following is a summary of Immunisations and Vaccinations carried out in the County during 1968:-

	Primary.	Boosters.	Total.
Diphtheria	1,194	1,702	2,896
Whooping Cough.....	1,088	-	1,088
Tetanus	1,370	1,779	3,149
Measles	2,587	-	2,587
Poliomyelitis	1,271	1,172	2,443
Smallpox	634	49	683
Yellow Fever	94	-	94
Cholera	82	-	82

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PART II

ENVIRONMENTAL

HYGIENE

FOOD CONTROL.

Routine inspections are carried out on food premises in the area, the standards of hygiene are found to be generally satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The Pembrokeshire Water Board supply piped water to all properties within the District. Complaints of discoloured water are still being received on accasions but bacteriological sampling has proved negative regarding contamination. Poor pressures at the higher parts of the town are still being experienced and the attention of the Pembrokeshire Water Board has been drawn to the unsatisfactory conditions that exist, it is hoped that further efforts will be made to rectify this matter.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The District is served by a main drainage system, this system was constructed between 1948 and 1950. There are six properties not served by sewers and the effluent from these properties is drained to cess-pits which give no cause for complaint.

Sewage gravitates to settlement tanks where the sludge is drawn off and pumped to thickening tanks for re-circulation before being passed forward for final drying. The effluent is run off and discharges at low water mark.

RODENT CONTROL.

Regular inspections and treatment of the sewers and refuse tip are carried out, conditions are generally satisfactory. Seventytwo complaints were dealt with during the year and all were of a minor nature.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Regular street cleansing operations by mechanical means and manual labour is in operation throughout the District.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

One Public convenience is provided near the centre of the town and this is cleaned daily and maintained in working order despite the continuing effects of vandalism.

The Council have opened negotiations for the acquisition of land at the Promenade with a view to constructing an additional Public Convenience to serve the beach and Promenade area and it is hoped that this will satisfy a long felt demand.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

A weekly collection of refuse is made over the whole of the District using a Karrier side-loading vehicle. The Council have given consideration to the renewal of this vehicle and it is anticipated that the new vehicle will be of more modern design and thus offer a more hygienic and also a better service.

The type of refuse container still gives rise for concern, it is strongly felt that the Council should take the initiative in putting into operation a municipal bin scheme or paper sack system in the interests of efficiency and public health as repeated requests to householders to provide decent containers has not had the desired result.

OFFICES AND SHOPS.

Inspections have been carried out during the year and contraventions to the Offices & Shops Act have been rectified.

HOUSING.

The Council Housing list has a total of 143 applicants, of which 119 are for general housing and 24 for old person's accommodation. During the year work went ahead on the development of Windsor Gardens which comprises of 13 bed-sitter flats and 7 separate bedroom flats for senior citizens.

A Warden's bungalow was provided adjacent to the development and connected with a bell system.

Communal facilities were provided in the building comprising of Television lounge , Reading room and Guest bedroom.

Difficulty is being experienced in letting the accommodation but we are hopeful that matters will improve in the future.

During the year 3 houses were completed for private occupation.

Housing Statistics

Number of Inspections	36
Number of informal notices.....	10
Number of Statutory notices.....	1
Number of time & place notices.....	1
Number of Demolition Notices.....	Nil
Number of closing Orders	1
Number of Clearance Areas	1

Improvement Grants.

Number of Standard and Discretionary Grants approved	9
Number completed	11

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